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MEMORANDUM

September 16, 2025

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. John B. King Jr., Chancellor

SUBJECT: Naming of the Student Leadership Center at the State University of New York College of Technology at Alfred

Action Requested

The proposed resolution names the Golisano Student Leadership Center at the State University of New York College of Technology at Alfred.

Resolution

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

Resolved that, in recognition of the philanthropic commitment by Thomas Golisano and the Golisano Foundation, the naming of the Golisano Student Leadership Center at the State University of New York College of Technology at Alfred is, hereby, approved.

Background

The Student Leadership center (66,412 GSF) is used for recreation, student clubs, student services, minor dining, and administrative support. Built in 2013 and located in the center of the Alfred State College campus, the facility serves as a comprehensive connection point for students, staff, and faculty to access leadership and civic engagement opportunities on campus, in the greater Alfred community, and beyond. The Student Leadership Center is the premier place for students to gather throughout the day in a “one-of-a-kind” designed space dubbed the “Commons” corridor. The Commons corridor places everyone who enters in the middle of a hub of activity enabling students from different

majors, ages, and depth of community involvement to be in direct contact with each other.

The Student Leadership Center is the home base of the Alfred State Leadership Program. The Alfred State leadership experience is an interactive process that develops students who are committed to lifelong learning, community engagement, and having a positive impact on the Alfred State campus and society at large.

An American business leader and philanthropist, Mr. Golisano is a New York state native and resident of Rochester. He is the founder of Paychex, which offers payroll and human resources services to businesses. Mr. Golisano owned Greenlight Networks, a fiber internet provider based in Rochester, New York, from 2019-2022. He is the author of two books, "Built Not Born," a *Wall Street Journal* best seller and "The Italian Kid Did It." The Golisano Foundation has given over \$860M to date and focuses on Western New York and southwest Florida.